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SUBJECT: CENTER UNION ISSUES PLATFORM STATEMENT

1. SUMMARY: CENTER UNION/NEW FORCES ANNOUNCED PROGRAM OCTOBER 19 WHICH INCLUDES PARLIAMENTARY REPUBLIC WITHOUT KING, SUPPORT FOR INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF CYPRUS, BRINGING ARMED FORCES UNDER CIVILIAN CONTROL, NEW ECONOMIC INSTITUTIONS AND PUNISHMENT OF JUNTA LEADERS. NEXT DAY CU CHAIRMAN GEORGE MAVROS ASSEMBLED PARTY STALWARTS FOR "PEP TALK" ON CONDUCT OF PRE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN. CU/NF SLATE EXPECTED MID-WEEK. END SUMMARY.

2. POLITICAL PLATFORM OF CENTER UNION/NEW POLITICAL FORCES WAS PUBLISHED OCTOBER 19 IN FORM OF PROCLAMATION TO GREEK PEOPLE. PROGRAM INCLUDES:
TO ESTABLISH POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEMOCRACY,
TO MAINTAIN CLOSE TIES WITH WESTERN AND EASTERN EUROPE, PARTICULARLY BALKANS, TO SUPPORT INDEPENDENCE AND DEFENSE OF TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF CYPRUS, TO BRING ARMED FORCES UNDER CIVILIAN CONTROL, TO ESTABLISH PARLIAMENTARY REPUBLIC WITHOUT MONARCHY AND TO GRANT VOTING RIGHT FROM AGE OF 18 YEARS, TO DECENTRALIZE STATE MACHINERY, TO CLEANSE BUREAUCRACY, TO ACCELERATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WITH GREATER STATE CONTROLS, TO
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CREATE NEW INSTITUTIONS IN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMY, TO

PROVIDE BETTER HOUSING FOR ALL CLASSES AND SPECIAL HEALTH PROGRAMS, TO MODERNIZE NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM ALONG LINES ADVOCATED BY GEORGE PAPANDREOU IN 1964, TO RESTORE CHURCH TO GOOD ORDER, AND TO ENSURE JUSTICE FOR ALL INCLUDING WITHOLDING AMNESTY FOR THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR APRIL 21 COUP, CYPRUS CRISIS AND POLYTECHNION TRAGEDY.

3. FOLLOWING DAY MAVROS MET WITH PARTY STALWARTS IN CU/NF ATHENS HEADQUARTERS TO PRESENT INSTRUCTIONS ON CONDUCT OF CAMPAIGN. MAVROS STRESSES THAT HOLDING ELECTIONS WAS ONLY FIRST STEP TOWARD RESTORATION OF POLITICAL NORMALITY. HE SAID EIGHT YEARS OF DICTATORSHIP LEFT ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE IN SHAMBLES, AND HARD WORK WAS NEEDED TO REJUVENATE STATE WHICH "HAS HAD SINGLE-PARTY STRUCTURE SINCE 1935." (REFERENCE IS TO 1935 ATTEMPTED REPUBLICAN COUP, FOLLOWED BY PLEBISCITE RETURNING KING GEORGE AND ENSUING DICTATORSHIP OF METASAS.)

4. LONG-HERALDED ANNOUNCEMENT OF CU SLATE POSTPONED UNTIL MED-WEEK. EARLIER ANNOUNCEMENT RE PUBLICATION OF SLATE ATTRIBUTED DELAY TO PRINTERS STRIKE; SPECUALTION NOW FOCUSED ON DIFFICULTIES CU/NR ECNOUNTERING IN COMPOSING LIST OF LEVEL COMPETITIVE WITH THOSE OF RIVAL PARTIES.
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